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SUBJECT: BULLET PROOF VESTS FOR OFFICIALS OF ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC

1. DEA INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING DEA AND MEXICAN AGENTS AT CIUDAD JUAREZ EVOKED MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INTEREST IN ACQUIRING BULLET-PROOF VESTS FOR HIS AGENTS, AND ORAL INQUIRY TO DEA OFFICIAL WHETHER USG WOULD PAY FOR THEM. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS, DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER GRANT OF THIS TYPE, BUT NEEDS MORE INFORMATION.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY 1) WHETHER ATTORNEY
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GENERAL DEFINITELY WANTS THIS ASSISTANCE; 2) IF SO,

HOW MANY AND SPECIFICATIONS; AND 3) WHETHER ACCEPTABLE
VESTS ARE AVAILABLE IN MEXICO AT PRICE WHICH WOULD BE
ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE USG.

3. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT SECTION 660 OF THE FAA OF
1974 PROHIBITS ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR ALL
PHASES OF CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OTHER THAN NARCOTICS
CONTROL. IF VESTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE, GOM MUST AGREE THAT
THEY WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

AGENTS IN PERFORMANCE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL DUTIES. KISSINGER

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